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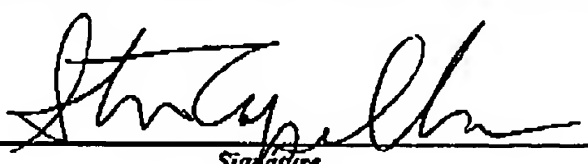
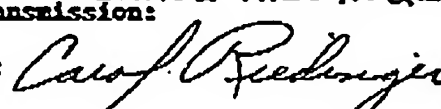
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Applicant(s): <b>Hendrik F. Hamann, et al.</b>						
Application No. <b>10/604,487</b>	Filing Date <b>07/25/2003</b>	Examiner <b>Maureen G. Arancibia</b>	Customer No. <b>32074</b>	Group Art Unit <b>1763</b>	Confirmation No. <b>1486</b>	
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Filed: July 25, 2003	:	IBM Corporation
	:	Dept. 18G/Bldg, 300-482
Title: SYSTEM AND METHODS OF	:	2070 Route 52
ALTERING A VERY SMALL SURFACE	:	Hopewell Junction, NY
AREA	:	12533-6531

**Amendment after Final Rejection**

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Sir:

The following amendment is submitted in response to the final office action dated September 22, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.